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Year ending December 31st, 1925.

To the Shelley Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925. This is a Survey Report, written in accordance with the instructions of Circular 648 of the Ministry of Health, and reviewing the years 1921-25.

Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area 1,568 acres.

The population of the 1921 Census was 1,762. The population given by the Registrar-General for 1925 is 1689.

Physical features and general character of the area :—The area is situated on the lower slopes of the Pennines and has an altitude of 400 to 800 feet. There are no large streams.

Number of inhabited houses, 1921, 445 ; 1925, 450.

Number of families or separate occupiers, 1921, 440.

Rateable value, 1925, £5,948.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £20 1s.

Social conditions :—The area is situated in a woollen manufacturing district, and the majority of the male and female workers are employed as textile operatives. Some of the male inhabitants work as miners, in stone quarries, or as labourers on small farms.

Vital Statistics.

Births 21. This gives a birth-rate of approximately 12 4 per thousand of the population.

Deaths :—The number of deaths without correction that occurred during the year was 21. There were in addition 2 inward transfers of deaths of residents which occurred outside the district ; the total number is therefore 23—15 males and 8 females—a death-rate of 13.6 per thousand.

The following table gives the causes and ages of these deaths :—

	All Ages.	Under 1 year	1-25 years	26-45 years	46-65 years	66 years or more	Total deaths in Institution.
Tuberculous disease (non-respiratory)	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Cancer, malignant disease	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Diabetes	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	2	...	...	...	1	1	...
Heart Disease ...	3	...	...	...	2	1	...
Arterio-sclerosis ...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...
Bronchitis ...	3	...	...	...	1	2	...
Pneumonia ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	2	...	...	...	2	...	1
Congenital Debility nad Malformation, Premature Birth	2	2	...	...	...	...	1
Other defined diseases	4	...	...	...	1	3	...
Totals ...	23	3	2	...	8	10	2

Poor Law Relief, etc.—The amount of Poor Law Relief distributed in the district during 1925 was £ 110 . Gratuitous medical relief is afforded (1) to a slight extent by the Poor Law District Medical Officer, (2) by the Child Welfare Clinic at Kirkburton two miles away, (3) at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, distant six miles.

No specially noteworthy causes of sickness or invalidity have been noted ; nor do any conditions of occupation or environment appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health.

General Provisions of Health Service in the Area.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the local authority or by the County Council:—

1. Tuberculosis. Patients sent to various Sanatoria throughout the country.
2. Maternity. Private arrangements might be made by patients with Mill Hill Maternity Home, Huddersfield, and the Maternity Home attached to the Huddersfield Union, Crosland Moor Institution.
3. Children. Children admitted to Children's Ward of Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield. (No Subsidy.)
4. Fever. Kirkburton Joint Isolation Hospital.
5. Small Pox. Jagger Hill, Kirkburton.
6. Other. Nil.

Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children would be found, if necessary, in the Huddersfield Union Workhouse.

Ambulance Facilities.

(a) Infectious cases. Ambulance provided by the Isolation Hospital.

(b) Non-infectious and accident cases. Private conveyances have hitherto had to be used, but during 1925 the Urban District Council in combination with the Councils of several neighbouring Urban Districts has arranged to subsidise a firm of motor engineers whose works are two miles away, so that a motor ambulance can be procured during the day or night at a small charge.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre provided by the W.R.C.C. Joint Centres at Kirkburton.

Day Nurseries. Nil.

School Clinics. Nil.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries provided by the W.R.C.C. at Huddersfield and Holmfirth.

Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases (subsidised by the W.R.C.C.) Halifax and Huddersfield Royal Infirmaries.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

The Public Health Officers of the Council consist of a Medical Officer of Health, who is a part-time official, and a Sanitary Inspector.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

There is no provision for home nursing of infectious or non-infectious cases. There is no employment of, or subsidy to practising midwives by Local Authority. The great majority of the maternity nursing in the area is done by a certified midwife who is in private practice.

Chemical Work.

The County Laboratory at Wakefield is utilised when necessary, and specimens are also sent for examination to the Public Analyst.

Legislation in Force.

The undermentioned is a list of Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws, etc. in force in the area. Nil.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER : The supply for the District is partly from wells and partly from the mains of the Huddersfield Corporation. The latter supply all but about 5 houses.

RIVERS AND STREAMS : There are no streams of any magnitude and no action with regard to pollution has been necessary.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE : The Joint Sewerage Board in 1902 in connection with the adjoining township of Shepley has made sufficient provision of Sewerage works at Thunderbridge. A small outlying portion only is unprovided.

Schools.

The water supply and sanitation of the schools are satisfactory and closure for infectious disease has not been necessary.

Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Byelaws or Regulations.

The area contains one Glue and Size Works with regard to which no action has been necessary.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

The last three years have shown a much smaller incidence of Infectious Disease than the preceding two. Fifteen and thirty cases of Diphtheria were notified in 1921 and 1922 respectively. Use of

Diphtheria Antitoxin where required is prompt and effective. Use is made of the W.R.C.C. Laboratories at Wakefield for diagnosis of Typhoid and Diphtheria. Use has not been made of the Schick and Dick tests in Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever respectively or of recently developed artificial methods of immunization. No Vaccinations or re-Vaccinations have been done by the M.O.H. under the Public Health (Smallpox Prevention) Regulations, 1917. School intimations of disease are rarely made or required. There has been no mortality from Influenza during the past two years. There is adequate provision for disinfection of articles and premises which have been exposed to infection, but none for cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1925.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	2	2	—
Diphtheria	3	3	—
Pneumonia	2	—	—
Measles	2	—	—

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector for 1925.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

The following inspections have been made during the year: where nuisances were found, 15; where no nuisance was found, 18; slaughterhouses, 13; visits after Infectious Disease, 12; work in progress, 4; property under notice, 50; owners, 11; workshops, 13; cowsheds, 30; Total 166.

Nuisances found comprise: Defective drains, 5; dampness, 6; dirty house, 1; privies requiring conversion to water-carriage system, 2; defective sink waste pipes, 7; defective drain inlets, 6; insufficient means of ventilation, 6; defective woodwork of windows, 6; defective sink lining, 1; privies with defective doors, 3; defective sink, 1; cowshed requiring limewashing, 1; defective cowshed drainage, 1; Total 46.

Of these nuisances, 38, affecting 7 premises are still outstanding.

Part of the work is in a contractor's hands and the owners have promised attention to the remaining portion of the work.

F. GREENWOOD, Sanitary Inspector.

Closet Accommodation.

There are in the district, 272 privies and 83 water closets. Little progress is being made with regard to the abolition of the privies.

Scavenging,

Privies and Ashpits are emptied by the Council's workmen every 6 weeks ; bins are emptied at frequent periods. Arrangements are satisfactory.

Smoke Abatement.

No action is necessary, there are practically no smoke producing plants in the district.

Housing.

The houses in the district are mainly of the working-class type. There is some need for more houses. No action has been taken by the Council towards providing any houses and only one house has been provided by private enterprise. No cases of overcrowding have been brought to notice during the year. A re-inspection of previously reported defective houses is proceeding and the owners are being communicated with regarding repairs. The general standard of housing is very fair. The defects found are those associated with old houses—dampness, lack of ventilation, etc.

Byelaws.

No difficulty has occurred in administering these and there appears to be no need for revision.

Milk Supply.

The supply of milk is ample, there being 28 producers in the district. The supply so far as can be ascertained without bacteriological tests, is wholesome.

Several defective cowsheds exist. The owners have been seen and promises have been made to remedy the defects. No applications have been received for licences for the sale of milk under special designations.

Meat.

Inspection of meat on slaughtering days is carried out whenever possible. There are 2 private slaughterhouses in the district but only one is in regular use. Meat marking is not carried out. Condemned meat is destroyed by burning in a local furnace.

Tuberculosis.

New cases and mortality during 1925:

Age Periods	New Cases Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
25-35	1 Male	1 Female

The Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, came into operation 1st of July 1925.

General Remarks.

Matters in regard to Housing are dealt with in Table D.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. CROWTHER, M.B., B.S. (Lond.),

Medical Officer of Health.

Shelley, near Huddersfield,

July 15th, 1926.

TABLE C, 1925.

Shelley Urban Sanitary District.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only—166
Nuisances reported in 1925—46 Total needing abatement—46
Nuisances in hand end of 1924—0 Abated during 1925—8
Outstanding end of 1925—38
Informal Notices served—3 Complied with—2
Statutory Notices served—0 Complied with—0
Total No. of Summonses or other Legal Proceedings—0
Filthy Houses, Cleansing of—1 Any notices served under Sec. 46 of P.H.A. 1875 (or any other Act)—0

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.—

Common Lodging Houses—No. in District, 0; total No. of Inspections made, 0; general condition—
Legal proceedings—0
Canal Boats—0
Knackers' Yards—0
Tents, Vans, and Sheds—0; Inspections—; Condition—
Offensive Trades—No. in District, 1; No. on Register, 1; Total No. of Inspections made, 0; General Condition, Glue and Size Works, Fair; Legal Proceedings, 0
Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades?—No

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Developments during 1925—None
Developments still needed—Want of sewers—At Town End
Improvement of defective sewers—None
Sewage Disposal Works—(*a*) Any inadequacy—No
(*b*) Any complaints—No
Are there any sink-wastes still needing disconnection—None known

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens—2
No. of Pail or Tub Closets—0
No. of Privies with covered middens—270
No. of Water Closets—83; Waste Water Closets—0
No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(*a*) as W.C.'s, 2; (*b*) other, 0
No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925—(*a*) W.C.'s, 0; (*b*) other, 0
No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses—(*a*) W.C.'s, 0; (*b*) other, 0

SCAVENGING—

Any change during 1925?—No
Performed by (*a*) Council—Yes (*b*) Contractor—Hired team labour (*c*) Owners or Occupiers—No
How is refuse disposed of? No. of loads to (*a*) Destructor—None. (*b*) Tips—620 (*c*) Farmers—130 (*d*) Total annual cost—£100 14s
Is there any inadequacy, and where?—No
Any utilization of waste material?—No

WATER SUPPLY—

Any developments during 1925—No
Restricted in any way?—No
If so, for how many days?—
Hours of day when cut off—
Any general insufficiency, and where?—No
Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where—No
Any new sources added?—No. Any disused sources re-used—No

MILK SUPPLY—

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act?—(*a*) For Retailers, Yes (*b*) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders, Yes
Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies Amendment Act, 1922, to distributors of?—"Certified" milk—No. "Grade A"—No. "Grade A (Tuberculin tested)"—No. "Grade A (Pasteurised)"—No. "Pasteurised"—No.
Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested—No
Have any retailers been removed from the Register?—No
No. of samples taken by Officers of S A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts—3 No. adulterated—0
No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination—0
What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of Dairy Cows—None
Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925—
No. of Milk Cows kept in District—134
No. of Cowkeepers in district—28 No. registered—28
No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers—27 No. who are Milk Retailers only—0 Total No. of Milk Sellers registered—27
Total No. of Cowsheds—31 No. of Inspections in 1925—30 Cowkeepers, 30; Retailers, 0
Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations—1907 Any Legal Action—No
Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent—No

OTHER FOODS—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food & Drugs Acts—2 No. adulterated—0
Any special examination of Milk for Dirt?—No
No. of seizures of unsound food—0; Kind and quantity—No. of Prosecutions—
Any Public Abattoir?—No
No. of Slaughter Houses—2; No. registered—1; No. licensed—1; Unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position—None
No. of times each Slaughter house inspected—1, 12
Total No. of Inspections—13
No. of Prosecutions (*a*) Food and Drugs, 0; (*b*) Unsound Food, 0; (*c*) *re* Slaughter Houses—0
No. of Bakehouses—0 Any underground—1 Total No. of Inspections—

SCHOOLS—

No. of Schools in District—2 No. visited by M.O.H.—1
Action taken—None Schools closed by M.O.H.—None

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of Smoke observations taken—0 No. of cautions—
Legal notices— Summonses—
No. of Workshops—13 Times each Workshop was inspected—1
Total Inspections—13
Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed—No

ADOPTIVE ACTS in force in District—

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890—No
Do. Do. 1907—No.

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS in force in District, and date of approval

Cleansing of Footways and Pavements—10th April, 1913
Prevention of Nuisances—10th April, 1913
Common Lodging Houses—10th April, 1913
New Streets and Buildings—10th April, 1913
Slaughter-houses—21st February, 1913
Tents, Vans, and Sheds—10th April, 1913
Any relaxation of Byelaws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919—No

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925—None
Any diseases specially added to notifiable list—No
Any influences threatening the health of the District—No
Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases?—No
Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages?—No

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS—

(*a*) General: Accident—Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield
Children—Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield
(*b*) Local: Hospital, Cottage—Nil
(*c*) Infectious, General—Kirkburton
Smallpox—Jagger Hill, Kirkburton
(*d*) Maternity—Private arrangements with Hudderfiseld Institutions.
Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases?—No
(*e*) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme—Nil
Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital—No
Any change or extension of (*a*) General Infectious Hospital—No
(*b*) Smallpox Hospital—No

TUBERCULOSIS—

Inspection of Patient's home and workshop—Yes
Examination for contacts—No
Is house disinfected—Yes When?—After removal or death
Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed—No
Action *re* Spitting?—Nil
Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary—Yes
Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum?—No
Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners?—Yes

BACTERIOLOGY—

(County Laboratory) Any suggestions—No

INFANTILE MORTALITY—

Any suggestions—No
Any Voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare?—No
Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925—Nil
Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action?—No

VITAL STATISTICS—

Number of Still Births during 1925—No information available

DEATHS DURING 1925—(1) Gross Deaths. *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the district, without any correction—Males 13, Females 8

(2) Number of uncertified deaths (included above)—None

MORTUARIES—

What mortuary accommodation—

(*a*) for accidents—None

(*b*) for infectious cases other than at Hospital—None

(*c*) For other purposes—None

SANITARY STAFF—

What is the present Annual Salary of M.O.H.—£20

Name of Sanitary Inspector—F. Greenwood

Annual Salary as Inspector—£27

Other appointments held—Sanitary Inspector for four neighbouring districts

Salary for such other appointments—£223

Any Assistants—No.

Is Staff sufficient—Yes

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health?—Yes.

HOUSING—See Table D. No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec. 2 (2)—None

Summary of Housing Work during 1925.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924—

- Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. (Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10, 1923)—30
- Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects. (Public Health Acts)—13
- Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18) 1909)—14

Houses inspected for "Housing defects" in 1925 under Acts and Regulations.

- Total inspected and recorded—2
- Houses found satisfactory on inspection—2
- Houses needing further action—0

Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923 ; and Section 1, 1925.

- Houses found with defects—
- Houses of this class remedied without formal notice—
- Houses in regard to which formal notices were served—
- Houses made fit after formal notice—
- Houses in respect of which owner elected to close house instead of complying with notices—

Action under P.H. Acts in cases of houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923; and Section 1 of 1925.

- Houses found with defects—
- Houses remedied without service of formal notice—
- Houses in regard to which formal notices were served—
- Houses made satisfactory after formal notice—

Unfit Houses—Action under Section 17 or 18, 1909; Sections 9, 11, 14 of 1925

- Houses found to be totally unfit—
- Houses closed voluntarily—
- Unfit Houses remedied without formal notice—
- Houses represented to Council for closing orders—1
- Houses in respect of which closing orders were made—1
- Houses closed after service of closing orders—
- Houses made fit and closing order determined by Council—
- Houses demolished voluntarily—
- Houses for which demolition orders were made—
- Houses demolished compulsorily—

Appeals—

- Appeals against notices under Section 28, 1919, or Section 10, 1923, or Section 3, 1925—
- Appeals against closing orders under Section 17, 1909 ; Section 14 (4), 1925—
- Appeals under Section 17 (6) 1909, or Section 11 (6) 1325, refusal to determine closing orders—
- Appeals against demolition orders, Section 18, 1909 ; Sec. 14, 1925—

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- Houses totally unfit (Sections 17 and 18) 1909; Sections 9, 11, 14, 1925—14

Other action in regard to Housing :—
Total number of houses in district—450
Number of working-class houses—402
General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919—Fair

Obstructive Buildings.—Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890, or Sec. 19, 1925 Act?—No

Result of action (if any)—

Any building represented by Local Government Electors under Sec. 38 (2), or by a Justice of the Peace, Parish Council, or 4 Government Electors under Section 10, 1925 Act—No

Unhealthy Areas.—Any representations under part I. or II. of the 1890 Act or part II. of 1925 Act? If so, give particulars—No

Re-construction Schemes.—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act or part II. of 1925 Act?—No

Conversion of Houses—Any houses required for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act or of closed houses under Section 4, 1925 Act? If so, give particulars—No

Penalty on re-letting houses ordered to be closed—Any action under Section 12 of 1925 Act—None

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Sec. 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925—No
Any complaints by Parish Council under Sec. 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894—No

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899 to 1923—No

Any scarcity of houses, if so, where?—General

Any overcrowding of persons in houses, and where?—None known

Any special activity in house building, and where?—No

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under (Section 17 (7) 1909 Act, or under Section 18, 1925—No, not necessary

Total number of houses built in the district under state aided and all conditions in 1925:—(*a*) Working Class Dwellings—1 (*b*) Other—0

State-aided Housing Schemes.

(*a*) Scheme under 1919 Act—Number of houses erected in 1925—(1) By Council—None (2) By Private Builders' Subsidy—0

(*b*) Scheme under 1923 Act—
Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act—No
Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval—No Has it been approved—
If scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same—
Is assistance given to private individuals? (*a*) By lump sum—No If so, how much— (*b*) By annual payments for 20 years of £— (*c*) By periodical payments to a Building Society—
Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1925—
Number of houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1925—
Number of houses completed by Public Utility Societies under this scheme in 1925—

(c) Scheme under 1924 Act.

Number of houses provisionally approved by Ministry—
Number of houses completed under special conditions—
Number of houses purchased with approval of Ministry—

Total number of houses provided under all state aided schemes in 1925 —0

Town Planning.

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee?—No.
If so, which?—
Have Council passed a resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a scheme?—No
Any scheme contemplated?—No If so, for what area?—
Have Council propounded a scheme in 1925?—No
Has a scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1925?—
Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925?—
Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval?—
Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910?—
F. Greenwood, Council Office, Shepley

Form 572

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the URBAN DISTRICT OF SHELLEY,

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

	Inspections.
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	14
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) ...	
Total	14

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops & Workplaces— nil